

has been reduced solely to reduce filing fees. They will be added at the time of examination. Entry is earnestly solicited.

Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement citing U.S. Patent No. 5,254,580. This patent is a continuation-in-part of earlier applications noted in the patent. Applicants submit that the effective filing date for the subject matter claimed in the patent is March 11, 1993, the filing date of the CIP application. Thus, it is not prior art against the present application claiming priority to a French application filed December 9, 1992. A certified translation for the French application will be filed. The Patent Office is thus requested to order the file wrapper histories for the '580 patent to review this matter.

No additional fee is believed to be necessary.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1290-7281.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1290-7281.

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